

Regular Council Meeting
June 26, 2003

The Freeport City Council met for a Regular council meeting at 7:00 pm on June 26, 2003.

Members Present: Mayor J.M. Marse, Council members Janice McLean, Mike Helton Scott Brannon, and Jean Arrant. Councilman Earl King was absent. Also present: City Clerk Diane Riley and City Attorney Clayton Adkinson.

Councilman Helton gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

No minutes were presented for approval.

Old Business:

Charles Peters began the engineer's report with the upgrade of the wastewater treatment plant. He presented a drawing of the proposed upgrade to the Council and the audience. He explained the preexisting construction for future expansion. Charles wants to have input from the operating personnel and has a meeting set for next Wednesday. He hopes to have a cost estimate by the next meeting. North Bay water upgrade still has not been reviewed. Danny Garland thinks that it should be by the end of the week. No permits have been received yet. He is about ready to send application to County. The developers of "The Pines" have not sent a revised plan. Charles submitted plans for the DOT utility relocation on hwy 20 and 331. The sidewalk project is under going a cost estimate for the design and Charles has not heard back from them. Charles met with Mr. Barnhill' engineer on the Industrial Park stormwater runoff. They are discussing what the requirements are.

New Business:

Tony Buxton, the president of the Friends of the Freeport Public Library, aired his concerns of the inadequate parking area for the Library. The Council will look at several options for acquiring more area.

Paul Miller addressed the Council with a request from Owl's Head Farm for a large-scale amendment. This request was to shift the SDD parcel north and put the agricultural area in the southern part of the parcel. They would have to piggy-back on the City's amendment. Motion by Councilwoman Arrant to include their request for a land use change with the City's amendment, motion 2nd by Councilman Brannon, motion carried, 4-0. Mr. Miller stated that the Freeport 860 large-scale amendment and zoning changes for Brannon and Simmons would be presented most likely at the July 24th meeting.

Only one written quote was received by the Council on the renovations of the Old Post Office building. Councilwoman McLean motioned to review the quote and if applicable then accept. Councilman Helton seconded the motion, it carried, 4-0.

Motion by Councilman Helton, 2nd by Councilwoman Arrant to pay all bills in order, motion carried, 4-0.

Other Business not on the agenda:

Councilwoman Arrant told the Council that she was to meet with Kasey Keyes about recreation needs of Freeport. She stated that the City needs ball fields and wanted any comments from the council.

With no other business, Councilman Helton motioned to adjourn at 8:00 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Diane Riley, City Clerk

Janice McLean, President of Council